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RE: Request for Proposal K09-9013-28
Web-Based Computer-Assisted Legal Research Service

AMENDMENT #4

Dear Interested Party:

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) provides the following additional information as a result of questions asked by a prospective bidder to the above referenced Request for Proposal:

Q. Requirement 9(a) in Special Requirements for Sections 1 through 4 of the solicitation requires the Contractor to provide any and all new content added to the Service during the contract term at no additional cost to the Court. Data licenses for content provided by 3rd parties and/or royalty provisions preclude Contractor from making such a blanket commitment. Costs associated with providing the Court newly added, royalty-based content could far exceed receipts as originally bid.

A. This requirement is subject to any of the vendor's contractual obligations to its own contract providers. The ability or non-ability to provide this feature(s) may affect the bidder's technical score.

Q. Requirement 9(b) in Special Requirements for Sections 1 through 4 of the solicitation precludes the Contractor's Standard Subscriber Agreement from governing the Court's use of data. We are unable to assent to unrestricted redistribution of data.

A. This requirement is subject to any of the vendor's contractual obligations to its own contract providers. The ability or non-ability to provide this feature(s) may affect the bidder's technical score.

Q. Requirement 6(a) of the RFP requires Contractor to include in its offer to the Court unlimited access to any databases currently available in pdf format. We are unable to provide this type of unlimited access as many of our pdf databases are subject to significant royalty costs.

A. This should be considered as a preference rather than a requirement. The ability or non-ability to provide this feature(s) may affect the bidder's technical score.

Q. Specification 4 of the RFP, Estimated Quantities, requires Contractor to keep its pricing constant regardless of the number of new or additional passwords the Court requests. While we are willing to provide the Court with a reasonable number of additional passwords at no additional cost, we are unable to commit to unlimited password growth at prices as originally bid.

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A. The Estimated Quantities clause is intended to give the Maryland Judiciary the right to increase or decrease the number of users at its sole discretion. The prices could be adjusted accordingly. We are not requiring bidder's to commit to unlimited password growth at prices as originally bid. Bidders should fully itemize their pricing schedule in the price proposal.

NOTE: An interested party recently sent a list of questions/comments and copied a number of Maryland Judiciary Executives. This is not permissible under the terms of the solicitation and could result in the offending firm's bid being rejected. Please refer to Section I, Clause D which states that the "sole point of contact in the Maryland Judiciary for purposes of this RFB/RFP are the Procurement Officers..."

These are the only changes contemplated by Amendment No. 4. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

Thank you in advance for your interest in doing business with the Maryland Judiciary.

Sincerely,

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